

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



Biography

Michael Cohen

Michael Cohen serves as Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance for Governor Jerry Brown. In this capacity, Mr. Cohen advises the Governor on the state budget and serves as the department's lead contact with the state Legislature.

From 1997 to 2010, Mr. Cohen worked at the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO). Most recently, he served as Deputy Legislative Analyst and advised the Legislature on a wide range of matters relating to state government including the state's overall budget situation. He previously served as the LAO's Director of State Administration and as a local government finance analyst.

Mr. Cohen earned a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas and a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Studies from Stanford University.